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SBA Delaware District Office Hearing Offers Small Business Owners Opportunity to Address Excessive Federal Regulatory Enforcement

WHO:	SBA National Ombudsman Michael L. Barrera, Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board (small business owners) and representatives of federal regulatory agencies will hear concerns, comments and complaints about federal regulatory enforcement and compliance. Small business owners, representatives of community organizations and trade associations, and community and business leaders are invited to testify about compliance and enforcement of federal regulations by government regulators.
WHAT:	To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among federal agencies and small businesses, the U.S. Congress has directed the SBA and the national ombudsman to hold Regulatory Fairness (RegFair) hearings. Concerns and complaints aired at this hearing will be directed to the appropriate federal regulatory agency. Testimony gathered at RegFair Hearings about federal regulatory activity and comments, concerns and complaints filed with the national ombudsman are reported to Congress each year.
WHEN:	Tuesday, October 28, 2003 1:00 – 4: 30 p.m.
WHERE:	Delaware Biotech Institute Delaware Technology Park 15 Innovation Way Newark, DE 19711
MEDIA:	The hearing is open to the press and the public. In addition, Ombudsman Barrera will be available for interviews.

Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the hearing.

Any small business concerned about excessive federal regulations enforcement can contact the local SBA district office (412) 395-6560) or the National Ombudsman at 888-REG-FAIR (888-734-3247) or go to the National Ombudsman Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman.